

MANATEE COUNTY, FL

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	697	728	766
Acreage	267,993	299,699	329,388
Average size (acres)	384	412	430
Median size (acres)	40	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	921,872	796,187	759,265
Machinery/equip (dollars)	70,877	72,941	51,023
Cropland (acres)			
Total	105,743	109,143	92,525
Harvested	64,302	61,950	53,910
Irrigated	57,790	54,568	41,204
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	239,624	209,865	148,655
(dollars avg. per farm)	343,793	288,277	194,067
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	124,425	69,551	46,739
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	58,753	62,623	64,411
Beef cows	34,602	35,981	37,455
Milk cows	4,726	5,568	5,523
Hogs and pigs	753	537	124
Sheep and lambs	23	24	84
Layers 13 wks or older	591	899	1,079
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	D	0
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Com, grain or seed	931	D	60
Com, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	N	N	N
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	0	0	D
Dry edible beans, excl lima	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweet potatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	0	0	0
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	2,879	4,465	7,415
Vegetables			
Number of farms	44	51	61
Acreage	24,947	21,695	19,882

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Orchards			
Number of farms	210	246	247
Acreage	26,418	26,036	16,440

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-W withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture